

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): Scraper blade holding device, ~~which comprises~~ comprising a cover plate, ~~and~~ a base plate, a first spring plate, a first end region of which is fastened to the base plate and a second end region of which is supported on the cover plate, and a second spring plate which bridges over a region between an end of a boundary wall of the base plate and the cover plate, wherein the cover plate and the base plate are pivotable relative to one another about an axis formed by a bearing tube (5), wherein finger devices are fastened to the cover plate in the front region of the cover plate, the bearing tube (5) is a component of the base plate (6) and the bearing tube (5) is arranged in the end region of the base plate facing the finger devices (3).

Claim 2 (currently amended): Scraper blade holding device according to claim 1, wherein the cover plate (2) is connected with a slotted square tube (4) and the bearing tube (5) is positioned within the square tube (4) and rotatable relative thereto.

Claim 3 (currently amended): Scraper blade holding device according to claim 2, wherein the cover plate ~~(2)~~ together with the square tube ~~(4)~~ fastened thereto is withdrawable from the base plate ~~(6)~~ in an axial direction.

Claim 4 (withdrawn-currently amended): Scraper blade holding device according to claim 1, wherein the base plate ~~(6)~~ is contacted by a shoe ~~(10)~~ which is provided for reception of the cover plate ~~(2)~~ and within which the cover plate is mounted to be displaceable in an axial direction.

Claim 5 (withdrawn-currently amended): Scraper blade holding device according to claim 4, wherein the shoe ~~(10)~~ together with the cover plate ~~(2)~~ is pivotable relative to the base plate ~~(6)~~, wherein the base plate has a boundary wall ~~(9)~~ within which slots ~~(13)~~ extending in an radial direction are provided, rivets ~~(12)~~ connected with a slide surface ~~(11)~~ of the shoe ~~(10)~~ being guided through the slots.

Claim 6 (withdrawn-currently amended): Scraper blade holding device according to claim 5, wherein the base plate ~~(6)~~ is of U-shaped construction and has two short and one long boundary walls, wherein one short boundary wall ~~(9)~~ has the slots ~~(13)~~ and the other short boundary wall has, in its end region,

the bearing tube ~~(5)~~.

Claim 7 (withdrawn-currently amended): Scraper blade holding device according to claim 6, wherein the long boundary wall is provided at its inner side with a plastics material insert ~~(7)~~.

Claim 8 (withdrawn-currently amended): Scraper blade holding device according to claim 4, wherein a spring ~~(8)~~ is arranged in the inner region of the base plate ~~(6)~~ between the base plate and the shoe ~~(10)~~.

Claim 9 (withdrawn-currently amended): Scraper blade holding device according to claim ~~1~~ 4, wherein a part of the cover plate ~~(2)~~, the square tube ~~(4)~~, the base plate ~~(6)~~ and the shoe ~~(10)~~ form a substantially dust-tight unit.

Claims 10 - 11 (cancelled).

Claim 12 (currently amended): Scraper blade holding device according to claim 1 ~~11~~, wherein one end region of the second spring plate ~~(18)~~ is fixedly connected with the cover plate ~~(2)~~ and the other end region of the second spring plate ~~(18)~~ is supported at the outer side of the boundary wall ~~(9)~~ of

the base plate ~~(6)~~.

Claim 13 (currently amended): Scraper blade holding device according to claim 1, wherein it comprises an adapter strip ~~(17)~~ which is fixedly connected with the first spring plate ~~(16)~~ and/or the base plate ~~(6)~~ and on which the outer side, which is remote from the cover plate ~~(2)~~, of the first spring plate ~~(16)~~ and/or the base plate ~~(6)~~ is positioned.

Claim 14 (currently amended): Scraper blade holding device according to claim 1, wherein a hose ~~(14)~~ is arranged in the inner region of the base plate ~~(6)~~ between the base plate and the cover plate ~~(2)~~.

Claim 15 (currently amended): Scraper blade holding device according to claim 1, wherein a finger device ~~(3)~~ is fastened to the cover plate ~~(2)~~ and an end region of the scraper blade ~~(1)~~ is insertable between the cover plate ~~(2)~~ and the finger device ~~(3)~~ in axial direction.

Claim 16 (cancelled).